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SUMMARY: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ELECTIONS, ACTIVE OPPOSITION WITHIN THE NAPLES CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO "PADRINO" ANTONIO GAVA HAS BEEN REKINDLED BY TWO SEPARATE GROUPS; HOWEVER, THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF THE GAVA POWER STRUCTURE, THE LACK OF COHESIVENESS OF THE OPPOSITION GROUPS, AND THE APPROACHING AUGUST VACATION PERIOD RENDER UNLIKELY ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BEFORE THE AUTUMN, IF THEN. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH GAVA AS DC CAPOLISTA FOR THE NAPLES-CASERTA DISTRICT RECEIVED 100,821 PREFERENCE VOTES IN THE JUNE 20-21 ELECTIONS, THE

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FACT THAT HE FINISHED ONLY IN SECOND PLACE INDICATED STRONG PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION WITH GAVA'S DC POWER STRUCTURE, AND MANY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS BLAME GAVA'S INSISTENCE ON BEING CAPOLISTA FOR THEIR LOW 29.8 OF THE CITY VOTE (VS. 40.8 FOR THE PCI). SHORTLY AFTER THE ELECTION, A YEAR-OLD GROUP HEADED BY DC REGIONAL COUNCILOR UGO GRIPPO, ON. BALDASSARE ARMATO, AND ON. FRANCESCO PATRIARCA REQUESTED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE ELECTION RESULTS, THE DC NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE DISSOLVE THE NAPLES PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTE

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY VITTORIO PELLEGRINI, A GAVA SUPPORTER, WITH A COMMISSARIO (WHO, INCIDENTALLY, WOULD PROBABLY BE FAVORABLE TO GRIPPO). ALTHOUGH PROTESTING LOUDLY THE GAVA POWER STRUCTURE, GRIPPO AND HIS ADHERENTS ARE NOT AIMING FOR A NEW LOCAL DC BUT RATHER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GAVA BY THEIR OWN EQUALLY-CLIENTILISTIC AND PROBABLY EVEN LESS EFFICIENT SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, GRIPPO HAS HAD AN EYE FOR SOME TIME ON THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REGIONAL GIUNTA VACATED BY NEWLY-ELECTED SENATOR NICOLA MANCINO), AND HE WOULD ALLEGEDLY BE WILLING TO SWITCH OVER TO GAVA'S CLAN IN EXCHANGE FOR GAVA'S SUPPORTING HIM FOR THAT OFFICE.

2. THE SECOND AND LARGER GROUP NOW OPPOSING GAVA IS LED BY ON. ENZO SCOTTI, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR GIUSEPPE AMATO, AND NEWLY-

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ELECTED DEPUTY PAOLO CIRINO POMICINO, A 37-YEAR-OLD NEUROLOGIST AND FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR WHO GARNERED 6000 PREFERENCE VOTES MORE THAN GAVA IN THE CITY OF NAPLES. THEIR MEETING THE EVENING OF JULY 6 WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1000 PERSONS AND WAS REPORTED AS HAVING PROPOSED "DRASTIC SOLUTIONS" TO THE LOCAL DC'S PROBLEMS THROUGH A RESTRUCTURING OF THE PARTY OUTSIDE THE INFLUENCE OF THE TRADITIONAL BOSSES (WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BOTH GAVA AND GRIPPO). SUPPORTERS OF THIS GROUP INCLUDE GINO CERIANI, PRESIDENT OF THE NAPLES INDUSTRIALISTS' UNION AND AN UNSUCCESSFUL DC CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE, AND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CARLO LEONE, BROTHER OF PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE. THIS GROUP HAS ANNOUNCED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST FOR A COMMISSARIO TO SOLVE THE LOCAL PARTY'S INTERNAL CONFLICTS, BUT NO ALTERNATIVE PLANS OF ACTION HAVE YET BEEN FORMULATED.

4. COMMENT: GAVA'S PRESTIGE HAS BEEN DIMINISHED, BUT POSSIBLY ONLY TEMPORARILY SINCE HIS POWER STRUCTURE REMAINS STRONG--TOO STRONG TO BE UNDERMINED SERIOUSLY BY AN OPPOSITION DIVIDED AMONG ITSELF. WITH "FERRAGOSTO" DRAWING NIGH, NO SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS OR CHANGES, IF ANY, CAN BE EXPECTED UNTIL FALL. COLANTONIO

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